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Letter dated 20 December 2016 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003), containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 31 December 2016. The report, which was approved by the Committee, is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

I should be grateful if the present letter and the report were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Amr Abdellatif **Aboulatta**
Chair
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Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003)

I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016.

2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Amr Abdellatif Aboulatta (Egypt) as Chair and the representative of Malaysia as Vice-Chair.

II. Background

3. By its resolution 1518 (2003), adopted on 24 November 2003, the Security Council established the Committee and mandated it to continue to identify individuals and entities whose funds, other financial assets and economic resources should be frozen and transferred to the Development Fund for Iraq, in accordance with paragraphs 19 and 23 of resolution 1483 (2003).

4. By its resolution 1546 (2004), the Security Council decided that the arms embargo would not apply to arms or related materiel required by the Government of Iraq or the multinational force to serve the purposes of that resolution. The mandate of the multinational force was subsequently terminated.

5. Further background information on the sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

6. Although the Committee held no meetings in 2016, it continued to consider relevant issues brought to its attention, conducting its work through written procedures.

7. The Committee considered issues relating to its sanctions list (see sect. V).

IV. Exemptions

8. There are no exemption provisions contained in the relevant resolutions.

V. Sanctions list

9. The criteria for the designation of individuals and entities as subject to the asset freeze are set out in paragraph 23 of resolution 1483 (2003). The guidelines for requesting listing and delisting are outlined on the website of the Committee.

10. The Committee received letters dated 17 March, 22 June, 22 September and 17 November from the focal point for delisting, regarding a request for the delisting of a designated individual, in follow-up to the request transmitted to the Committee

by the focal point on 23 December 2014. As at 31 December 2016, the request was pending review by the designating State(s).

11. In total, 35 entities were delisted following requests from a Member State, the first entities to be delisted by the Committee since December 2011. Of those entities, 2 were delisted on 12 August, 4 on 30 August, 1 on 6 September, 19 on 16 September, 7 on 16 December and 2 on 28 December.

12. As at the end of the reporting period, there were 86 individuals and 192 entities on the sanctions list of the Committee.

VI. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

13. The Security Council Affairs Division provided substantive and procedural support to the Chair and the members of the Committee. Advisory support was also provided to Member States to promote understanding of the sanctions regime and facilitate the implementation of the sanctions measures. Induction briefings were also provided to incoming members of the Council to familiarize them with the specific issues relevant to the sanctions regime.

14. The Secretariat continued to update and maintain the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List and the committee-specific sanctions lists in the six official languages and the three technical formats. Furthermore, the Secretariat implemented improvements concerning the effective utilization of and access to sanctions lists, including through the establishment of a search function for names on sanctions lists, the creation of lists organized by permanent reference number, in addition to those in alphabetical order, and the creation of links in list entries, as appropriate, to INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notices.